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FOR THE
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Who petitioned the House of Commons
against NATURALIZING the *Jews*.

These Men, being *Jews*, do exceedingly trou-
ble our City. Acts xvi. 20.

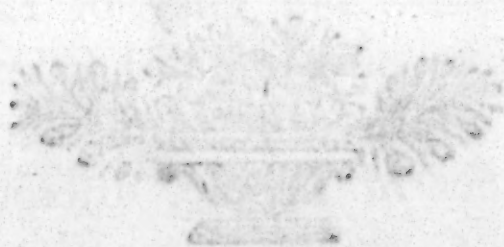


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P R E F A C E.

THE *Jews* have exceedingly troubled our City of late, and they are like to trouble it much longer: They have been attempting a Naturalization Bill, though it be contrary to the exprefs Words of their own Law, and contrary also to our present religious and civil Establishment. The City of *London* apprehensive of the fatal Consequences, which might arise from incorporating such a Set of People, assembled together in Common-Council, and with great Unanimity resolved to address

the House of Commons against the Bill. Their Petition was carried up, presented, and read. The Persons who spake to it, were some of the ablest of our Merchants. Their Arguments were good and strong. But the Honourable House did not see them in the same Light, as we did in the City. The Bill was read the third Time, and carried by a vast Majority; and if it obtains the Royal Assent, it will soon pass into a Law, and then every *Vagabond Jew* may purchase all the Liberties and Immunities of free-born *Englishmen*.

The Conduct of the City was warmly censured for opposing the Bill. The *Jews* Agents could not keep their Temper: They said very hard Things of the Citizens and Merchants, and they still speak of our Opposition with Bitterness; and therefore we are forced to make our Apology to the Public,
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for what we have done, whom we desire to consider the Tendency of this Bill. We thought it affected our civil Liberties as a free trading Nation, and our religious Liberties as a Christian Nation; we viewed it in these two Respects.

To the first, our Merchants, and Sir *John Barnard* in particular, spake most excellently, and the Public will soon see their Arguments collected and digested.

To the second very little was said, or could be said, because it was maintained, that if the Bill came from the upper House, my Lords the Bishops would not have suffered it to pass, if they had apprehended it to be destructive of that Religion of which they are the Guardians. This was thought a sufficient Answer to whatever we had to urge about Christianity; but this
Answer

Answer did not satisfy us. The following Reflexions will shew what Reason we had to be dissatisfied. In drawing them up it may be thought we have indulged some Severity. The universal Candour and infinite Benevolence of the present Age will indeed make our Treatment of the *Jews* appear unpolite and uncharitable. If any cool moderate Spirit should begin, as he is reading, to be offended, we beg of him to turn back to these two Remarks, which contain our Apology, and if he will be pleased to read them twice over, we hope they will abate his Heat, and enable him to proceed with Temper.

I. We look upon the *Jews*, who lived in the Time of Christ as Traitors, Rebels against God. The Act of Rebellion was rejecting Jesus for the promised *Messiah*, and crucifying him for a Malefactor : For this Jesus was
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the true God, and is still the God of the Christians. He is the King of all the World, and according to our Laws he has all Power in Heaven and in Earth. And was it not then by our Laws *Rebellion* to attempt to dethrone and murder this Sovereign Lord of the Universe? Doubtless it was the highest Act of Treason, which Man can commit.

II. The present *Jews* are guilty of the same Treason by aiding and abetting Traitors: For they defend their Ancestors Rebellion; they justify the crucifying of the Son of God, and if they had him in their Power they would crucify him again. Their Books are full of the bitterest Curses and Blasphemies against Jesus Christ, and they say such shocking Things of him, as we dare not repeat: Now, this we bring in *High Treason*; because the Aiders and Abettors of Treason

son against God must be Traitors of the blackest Nature.

If the candid Reader will apply these two Rules to Treason in our own civil Affairs, and consider in what Light the Law looks upon him, who should take away the Life of the King, and upon him, who was an Aider and Abettor of the Regicide, then we hope he will judge charitably of the following Remarks, and instead of censuring us for laying them before him, will be led to pray for the Conversion of all them, who rebel against *Jehovah*, and against his *Christ*.

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1. **T**HE Bill now depending in Parliament, which relates to the *Jews* Naturalization, is entirely of a religious Nature. It strikes at the Root of our present Establishment, and affects the very Being of Christianity; and because great Pains have been taken to make us believe that Trade was the principal End in view, and to turn our Attention from its malignant Influence on our Religion, we have therefore drawn these few Hints together, in hopes they may enable well-disposed Minds to form a right Judgment of this important Subject, and may silence them who will not be set right, and thereby do good to the Generality among ourselves; and in Hopes they may fall into the Hands of some of the *Jews*, and convince them that their present Blindness and Dispersion are

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the heavy Judgments of God, which he sent upon them for rejecting *Jesus* of *Nazareth* for the promised *Messiah*, and that therefore they ought to be more concerned to become *Christians*, than to become *Englishmen*: But if they should not be convinced on reading these Remarks, and if any of their sadducee Doctors should think proper to reply, we promise them an Answer written with *Christian* Meekness and Candor.

2. The fundamental Article on which these Remarks are built, is universally established among Christians, and the King's Majesty, the Lords spiritual and temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, have publicly bore their Testimony to the Truth of it, and therefore we can have no Dispute with any Part of the Legislature, concerning the divine Authority of the *Old Testament* and the *New*. Our Laws at present allow these Books to be true in all their Parts, and worthy of that all-wise God, by whose Inspiration they were written: What they say about the *Jews* who crucified Christ, is as true as what they say about his being crucified; for which Reason we are concerned not to falsify what they say about his Crucifiers and their Abettors, lest we should introduce Contradictions into our Laws, and should make them assert the same thing to be true, and not true at the same Time

Time and in the very same Respect ; for let us view our Laws as they stand at present:

3. Our civil and religious Establishment is confessedly *Christian*, founded upon the Doctrine of *Jesus Christ* : And Numbers of Acts of Parliament, as well as the *Book of Common Prayer, and of Homilies, and the Thirty-nine Articles*, which are also enacted by Authority of Parliament, do expressly declare, that the Volume of the *Old Testament* relates to the *Messiah*, who is therein promised, from Beginning to End, under the Character of a *divine Saviour*, who was to come into the World to redeem us from Sin, and Death, and Misery.

4. And the Redeemer promised in the *Old Testament*, came into the World at the Time fixed by *Moses* and the Prophets. — He was born at *Bethlehem of Judea*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three Years since. — He lived at *Nazareth* — He taught the People throughout *Judea* — He wrought many Miracles — He was accused of Blasphemy, for saying that he was the Son of God — Was crucified — Died — Rose again — And after he had conversed with his Disciples for Forty Days he ascended into Heaven : This Person our Laws maintain was the *Messiah* promised in the *Old Testament*.

5. Our Laws farther declare, concerning this Person, that he was God and Man united in one Christ, and accordingly they have provided, that no Person should have a License to teach in public, unless he subscribe to the Divinity of *Jesus Christ*, and acknowledge him to be as truly a Person of the divine Nature, as he was a Person of the human Nature. And therefore,

6. Our Laws declare over and over again, that Christ alone can save us from our Sins, and that what he suffered for us as Man, and what his Sufferings merited for us as God, are the only Satisfaction which can be paid to the infinite Justice of God the Father, and therefore if we reject the Merits of his Sufferings, we utterly exclude ourselves from the divine Love and Mercy, because we ungratefully reject the only Means which God has appointed to lead us to Salvation.

7. The present *Jews* affirm in direct Opposition to these Laws, that the promised *Messiah* is not yet come, and that *Jesus* of *Nazareth* was an Impostor and a Blasphemer, by which Means they make themselves Abettors of their Ancestors Crime, who crucified Christ. And how then shall we reconcile our Laws with these *Jewish* Heresies? Shall we by Law establish *them*, who say the *Messiah* is not yet come, when our Laws are built upon the Certainty of his being come One Thousand Seven Hundred

Hundred and Fifty-three Years ago? Or shall we, can we, incorporate *them* among us, who maintain that *Jesus of Nazareth* was an Impostor and a Blasphemer, when by the Laws of the Land he is our Saviour and our God? Certainly these are such flagrant Contradictions, as no wise State would, and no good State can, admit into the Body of its Laws; and therefore we may reasonably hope that our wise and good Legislature will not establish such Contradictions by Act of Parliament. And,

8. Upon the Footing of our Laws as they stand at present, we cannot establish them, because the *Old Testament* is true. The whole Legislature allows it to be of divine Authority, and therefore no human Authority can repeal it; and yet if its Prophecies foretel certain Events, which were to befall the *Jews* after they had rejected Christ, and if our Laws try to prevent the Completion of these Prophecies, then we endeavour, as much as in us lies, to repeal the divine Laws by human Authority, which not only supposes us to be wiser than the All-wise, but also that we can be too hard for the Almighty; and this is Impiety of so absurd a Nature, that one would think reasonable Men could not fall into it.

9. The Prophecies which relate to the State and Condition of the *Jews*, after they should reject Christ, are very clear and very numerous.

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God threatens to cast them out of their Land— To destroy their civil Polity — To send the *Roman* Eagles, who should besiege *Jerusalem*, and take it on the Sabbath-Day, who should burn the Temple, so that not one Stone of it should ever after be laid upon another, and should carry the People Captive into all Nations, where they were to continue dispersed, until they should repent and return unto the Lord, by accepting *Jesus of Nazareth* for their *Messiah*.

10. In what manner the Naturalizing of the *Jews* will affect the Authority of these Prophecies is very obvious: For first, God cast them off for rejecting Christ, and we take them in: He drave them out of their own Land, because of their Unbelief; but we receive them as free-born Subjects into our Land, notwithstanding the same Unbelief. God expelled them, they come to us expelled, and we naturalize them: So that what he made their Punishment we turn into a Reward, by doing which we act directly against Providence, for we take *them* into our Communion, whom he has excommunicated, and we give them a better Land to make them amends for losing that, of which he thought them unworthy.

11. In the next Place God dispersed the *Jews* into all Lands for rejecting Christ. He intended their Dispersion should be their Punishment,

ment, and we try to turn it into a Blessing. He scattered them over the Earth as Fugitives and Vagrants, the *New Testament* Writers call them *Vagabond Jews*, and yet we gather them together as if they were free-born *Englishmen*: They are the Outcast of Heaven, and yet we incorporate them: God thus dispersed them because of their Infidelity, and though they be still Infidels, yet we give them the Privileges of Christian Subjects, by which Means we not only defeat the Reason and End of the *Jews* Dispersion, but also

12. Act in direct Opposition to what the Scripture declares was to be their Condition, so long as they should continue dispersed. They were to have no such Establishment among any People, as we are trying to give them. *Moses* is clear against it; his Words in *Deut.* xxviii. 65. deserves the Attention of the Legislature. *And among these Nations thou shalt find no Ease, neither shall the Sole of thy Foot have Rest; but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling Heart, and Failing of Eyes, and Sorrow of Mind.* How can this Prophecy be fulfilled, after the *Jews* are naturalized? God here says, that they shall not find Ease in their Dispersion; we say, they *shall* find Ease: For we give them all the Ease we can, by making them free Subjects of this Kingdom. God here says, that they shall not find Rest for the Soles of their Feet; we say, they *shall* find Rest, they *shall* have a quiet Possession

Possession of Lands and Houses, and *shall* enjoy as much Rest as our Laws and Liberties can give them. The Expression, *of finding no Rest, not even for the Soles of their Feet*, is very strong and comprehensive: For, *he* certainly has found Rest, who being expelled his own Country finds a large Estate, and a fine House, and a quiet Settlement in another Country: But God here declares that the *Jews* should have no such Rest; they were to be Vagrants so long as they continued dispersed, and to this Day the *Jews* have been Vagrants, excluded from all States, Heathen and Mahometan, as well as Christian: But if they become native, free-born *Englishmen*, they then cease to be Vagrants, and find such a Rest, as will frustrate, so far as Man is able, the Truth of God's infallible Prophecies.

13. The remaining Part of the Prophecy, *viz. that God would give the Jews a trembling Heart, and Failing of Eyes, and Sorrow of Mind*, has been hitherto fulfilled, and no human Power can prevent its future Completion. It is Matter of Fact, that the *Jews* do live in continual Uneasiness, tormented and haunted, like Murderers, with a Legion of Horrors: Their Crimes deserve these severe Lashes of Conscience, and how severe they are you may read in their very Faces. You know a *Jew* at first Sight. And what then are his distinguishing Features? Examine what it is peculiar that strikes you. It is not his dirty Skin, for there are other People

ple as nasty; neither is it the Make of his Body, for the *Dutch* are every whit as odd, aukward Figures as the *Jews*. But look at his Eyes. Dont you see a malignant Blackness underneath them, which gives them such a Cast, as bespeaks Guilt and Murder? You can never mistake a *Jew* by this Mark, it throws such a dead, livid Aspect over all his Features, that he carries Evidence enough in his Face to convict him of being a Crucifier. Now it must be granted, their ill Looks would be no Objection against naturalizing them, if they had good Hearts; but when God says, that for rejecting Christ he punished them with such Trembling of Heart as would always betray itself in the Countenance, then this becomes a most formidable Objection. THE LORD SHALL GIVE THEE *a trembling Heart, and Failing of Eyes, and Sorrow of Mind.* The Lord sent these Punishments, and therefore it would be prudent to put off naturalizing the *Jews*, until he take them away: And whenever the Lord shall take them away and give them Fortitude of Heart, Life and Vigour of Eyes, and Joy of Mind, then let them be naturalized, but not till then; least we should be found opposing the Decrees of Providence, and should thereby draw upon ourselves some of those very Punishments which God has inflicted upon our Friends the *Jews*.

14. But it may, it will be said, in this all-candid Age, that these Remarks are uncharitably severe. They may be severe—but they are true—and Truth cannot be uncharitable. They are the very Words, or direct Inferences from our own Laws, which maintain, that the Crime of the *Jews*, who crucified Christ, was the greatest that Man can commit against God, and the present *Jews* are known to be Aiders and Abettors of that Crime. But lest Strength of Imagination, or hotheaded Zeal, as Warmth for our holy established Religion is now termed, should be thought to lead us to exaggerate Matters, we will mention two or three Descriptions of the State of the dispersed *Jews*, which we meet with in those Records that our Laws allow to be of Divine Authority.

15. The Evidence already offered proves, that the *Jews* cannot be naturalized: God has put them under an utter Disqualification; and we shall now see that they *ought not* to be naturalized; they have no Merit to entitle them to any such Immunity; nothing but their Riches could induce any State to incorporate them; for they deserve every Discouragement under which Providence has put them, and under which Christian States have hitherto agreed to put them. Their Crime consisted in opposing the Decrees of the Almighty, in trying to defeat them, in standing out against *Jehovah* and his Christ, in blaspheming them, and in persevering

vering in their Blasphemy, until having filled up the Measure of their Iniquity God destroyed their civil Polity, and scattered them as Fugitives and Vagabonds over the Face of the Earth. Our Laws have stigmatized them with this odious Character, and shall the same Laws honour them with the greatest Privileges and Immunities that free-born *Englishmen* can enjoy? We will not, we cannot honour them, if we observe their monstrous Impiety, which made our Laws stigmatize them with the above odious Character. For,

16. Because they opposed the Decrees of the Almighty, and tried to defeat them, our God himself told them, *John viii. 44. Ye are of your Father the Devil, and the Lusts of your Father you will do:* And the blessed Stephen shews what Works of their Father the Devil they were always ready to do. *Acts vii. 51, 52. Ye stiffnecked, and uncircumcised in Heart and Ears, ye do A L W A Y S resist the Holy Ghost, as your Fathers did, so do ye. Which of the Prophets have not your Fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the Coming of the Just O N E (Christ) of whom ye have been now the Betrayers and Murderers.* There is one Rule of interpreting all such Places of Scripture. The Persons who are guilty of the same Crime deserve the same infamous Character, but the present *Jews* are guilty of the same Crime here mentioned, consequently

frequently they deserve the same infamous Character. Let us review these Scriptures, and consider whom we are going to naturalize; they are not only the Children of the Devil, but such Children as were always ready to do the Lusts of their Father; like him, stiffnecked, and in Heart and Ears disobedient to the Will of God; like him, always resisting the Holy Ghost; like him, for he was a Murderer from the Beginning, always persecuting and slaying them, who prophesied of the Coming of Christ; Traitors, like him, for they were the Betrayers and Murderers of the Son of God. And are these the Miscreants — the Spawn of ——— whom we are going to cherish in our Bosom? Avert it Heaven.

17. Again, our meek and gracious Redeemer thus characterises them, *Matt. xxiii. 33. Ye Serpents, ye Generation of Vipers, how can ye escape the Damnation of Hell?* This he speaks to the Children of them who killed the Prophets, and who were to fill up the Measure of their Fathers Guilt, by killing him, the Lord of Life; the present *Jews* are Aiders and Abettors with their Fathers in killing him, and consequently involved in the same Guilt. And can we believe this, and yet naturalize *Serpents, a Generation of Vipers, who cannot escape the Damnation of Hell?* But,

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18. Farther, Christ has given us another Description of the *Jews*, which we dont think the worse of, because a zealot Preacher has occasioned it to be much bruited of late, or because it has been contemptibly treated in News Papers and in Coffee-Houses. It is still a Part of our Laws, and is so inconsistent with naturalizing the *Jews*, that it ought to be repealed before the Bill takes place. The Words are these, *I know*, says Christ, *the Blasphemy of them, who say they are Jews, and they are not, but are the Synagogue of Satan.* They who now pretend to be *Jews* are Blasphemers, and shall we naturalize Blasphemy? They are the Synagogue of-Satan, and shall we licence Satan's Meeting-House? Shall we put his Synagogue and Christ's Church upon the same Foundation? God forbid.

19. But there is one more Place of Scripture which, if seriously considered, would most effectually prevent our naturalizing the *Jews*: For they maintain, that Christ is not yet come in the Flesh, and St. *John* 1st Ep. ch. iv. 3. assures us, *That every Spirit, which confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the Flesh is not of God: And this is that Spirit of Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now already it is in the World:* From hence it appears, that the *Jews* are Antichrist; and shall we then set up and establish Antichrist in our Land? Is Christ and Antichrist to be

be incorporated? The Thought fills us with Horror. God Almighty keep us from this Infatuation, and give us not over to this dreadful Guilt.

20. These few Hints may suffice to set the Subject in a clear Light, so far as Religion is concerned. And as to Trade and other worldly Views, they are too mean and dirty to be once mentioned, when the Honour of our own Laws, nay, when the Honour of God and of his Laws, of Christ and his Gospel are to be maintained. Our own Laws, and the Laws of God are built on the Certainty of the *Messiah's* being come in the Flesh One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-three Years ago: Our civil and religious Establishment rest absolutely upon this Truth; and the *Jews* for denying it have been regarded and treated hitherto as Vagrants, Infidels, Blasphemers, and Crucifiers. And if we naturalize such Persons, how can we avoid involving ourselves in their Guilt? For they now stand excommunicated by the Authority of God, and by the Laws of this Kingdom. They are God's profest Enemies. He expelled them from their own Country for their horrid Blasphemies and Impieties, and because they have not repented, he keeps them expelled. Now upon what Maxims of sound Policy can we naturalize these Outcasts of Heaven? Is it not the first Maxim of good Government to seek by all Means the Blessing of Providence upon

upon the State? But how will this Step entitle us to his Blessing? Our Friends the *Jews* are his Enemies. He expelled whom we take in. He dispersed whom we gather together. He has accursed whom we naturalize. And therefore our Friendship to them must render him at Enmity with us, and involve our Land in their Guilt, and call down upon it their Punishment.

21. It is an old Observation, which has been justified by long Experience, that Blindness always precedes a Judgment. The very Heathen could observe it — *Quos Jupiter vult perdere, prius dementat.* Our present Conduct argues some such Infatuation, and foretels the Approach of some great Calamity: For we have been long at open War against *Jehovah*, and his Christ, and have hardened our Necks not to receive Correction by any of the divine Visitations; for which Reason we may expect his Mercy will soon be wearied out. How many Calls have we lately had to Repentance? And how few of us repented? God visited us with a Bloody expensive War by Sea and Land for many Years — He inflicted upon us the heaviest of His Judgments, a Civil-War — He sent us the Pestilence — And he visited us with Earthquakes: But all was in vain. Infidelity and Immorality still raged among us. We were incorrigible. And therefore he now seems to be giving us over to Destruction, since he suffers us to be so blinded as
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to add to all our national Sins, that of attempting to incorporate Antichrist with the Religion of the blessed Jesus; which is impossible. Our own Laws are still against it. The Prophecies of God forbid it. The Almighty hath declared himself against it. In Opposition to these Authorities what will prevail? We hope in God nothing *will* — God direct the Hearts of our Governors, that nothing *may* — but that we may continue an happy free People, Protestants, and Christians, until Providence remove us from all Affinity with the blaspheming *Jews*, into the Number of his Elect made perfect through the Obedience and Sufferings of *Jesus Christ*, the God of the Christians.



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